

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Specification as follows:

[0025] Figure 6 is a block diagram flowchart illustrating several steps of the method as illustrated in Figure 5 for predicting an empty seat condition in greater detail; and

[0026] Figure 7 is a block diagram flowchart illustrating one variation of the method illustrated in Figure 6; ~~and~~

[0027] ~~Figure 8 is a block diagram flowchart illustrating another variation of the method illustrated in Figure 6.~~